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Kristi is a graduate of Stevens High School in Rapid City, SD. Currently, she is attending the University of South Dakota, where she is majoring in international studies and political science. She is a positive and diligent worker who has been devoted to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kristi for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### TRIBUTE TO SOPHIE DOEDEN

● Mr. ROUNDS. Mr. President, today I recognize Sophie Doeden, an intern in my Washington, DC, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Sophie is a graduate of Beresford High School in Beresford, SD. Currently, she is attending Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, where she is majoring in political science and minoring in history and economics. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience and who has been a true asset to the office.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Sophie for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

#### REMEMBERING DR. JOHN A. KNAUSS

● Mr. WHITEHOUSE. Mr. President, recently the oceans lost one of their greatest champions. With the passing of Dr. John A. Knauss, Rhode Island has lost a beloved teacher, a visionary leader, and a brilliant scientist. We will all miss him a great deal.

John's accomplishments are too many to list, but I will note a few.

In 1966, Dr. Knauss was named to the Commission on Marine Science, Engineering, and Resources, where he and his colleagues recommended that Congress form a new and independent Federal agency to advance marine and atmospheric sciences and better understand our oceans, coastlines, and Great Lakes. That agency became the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, which conducts some of the most important ocean science in the world and where John served as Administrator from 1989 to 1993.

Along with Rhode Island Senator Claiborne Pell and Dr. Athelstan Spilhaus, Dr. Knauss developed the National Sea Grant College Program. Their model was the country's land grant college system—century-old centers of learning that promote better use of America's vast resources of land. Pell and Knauss thought that surely our oceans and Great Lakes needed a similar network of institutions to conduct coastal and marine science and

promote conservation of such important natural assets.

Congress agreed. In 2016, Sea Grant will celebrate 50 years of good work on behalf of our oceans and Great Lakes. In recognition of his vision and leadership in forming Sea Grant, NOAA named one of its most prestigious fellowships in his honor—the NOAA Sea Grant John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship. Every year, around 50 of the Nation's top graduate and postgraduate students are selected for Knauss fellowships to spend a year working on marine and coastal policy issues for the Federal agencies and congressional offices in Washington, DC. Two Knauss fellows, Adena Leibman and Anna-Marie Laura, have worked in my Senate office, helping shape national oceans policy.

But perhaps his most significant achievement is the Graduate School of Oceanography, GSO, at the University of Rhode Island. John founded the GSO in 1962, served as its dean for over 25 years, and built it into an international leader in marine research. Today, sitting atop a bluff overlooking Rhode Island's beautiful Narragansett Bay, the GSO is home to 41 faculty and 170 graduate students engaged in cutting-edge oceanographic science and pursuing degrees across a range of specialties, including the country's first marine affairs and ocean engineering programs. It is a true Rhode Island treasure, one we should continue investing in, and a testament to Dean Knauss's leadership and commitment to our oceans.

Easily lost among his accomplishments in founding and leading ocean research institutions are his personal contributions to oceanography. In his dissertation for the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, John was the first to make comprehensive measurements of the Pacific Equatorial Undercurrent—a current that runs for thousands of miles beneath the surface of the Pacific Ocean. He later discovered another major current in the Indian Ocean.

John will be remembered for his collegiality and gift for collaboration among the administrators, faculty, students, and other researchers and ocean-minded professionals that he touched. Like the currents he studied, connecting vast oceans in one system, the institutions and programs he created and led bind together leading minds in ocean science, bettering our understanding of our ocean world and how important it is to us.

I offer my and Sandra's condolences to the Knauss family, to the marine science community, and to the countless people John Knauss taught, mentored, and inspired through the years.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

##### ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

At 9:32 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill and joint resolutions:

S. 1170. An act to amend title 39, United States Code, to extend the authority of the United States Postal Service to issue a semipostal to raise funds for breast cancer research, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 23. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Standards of Performance for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units".

S.J. Res. 24. Joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of a rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Generating Units".

The enrolled bill and joint resolutions were subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. HATCH).

At 10:34 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill (S. 1177) to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to ensure that every child achieves.

The message also announced that the House insists upon its amendment to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 644) to reauthorize trade facilitation and trade enforcement functions and activities, and for other purposes, agreed to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and on December 2, 2015, appoints Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. REICHERT, Mr. TIBERI, Mr. LEVIN, and Ms. LINDA T. SANCHEZ of California, as managers of the conference on the part of the House.

At 1:55 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 22) to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

#### MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2359. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia.

#### ENROLLED BILL PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, December 3, 2015, she